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## Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; ELM GROVE FIELD, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU52 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and in lieu of the location approved for this well by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-219, effective August 19, 2003.
- 2. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SU58 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and in lieu of the location approved for this well by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-240, effective August 19, 2003.
- 3. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for LCV RA SUVV at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996, and in lieu of the location approved for this well by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E-110, effective August 19, 2003.
- 4. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be utilized which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
  - 5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-A series of Orders.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B,

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effective October 1, 1973, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-B series of Orders.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 21010 Vermont Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 686-2355 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of each of the three (3) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Office of Conservation for the application

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cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

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Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)





